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NEW MOVES IN LIGHT STIR

Torrance First Flower Show Opens Friday Afternoon

The influence of Hollywood upon our most masculine athletes of championship caliber has oft been noted. Mr. Jack Harrison Dempsey took up residence in the mellow light of the stars (screen variety). It affected him. Competing with such comely gentlemen as Rudolph Valentino, Richard Barthelmess and John Gilbert, Mr. Dempsey gave thought to his more or less battle-scarred visage. He cast his vision down the irregular contour of his nose. It was misshapen. Mr. Dempsey had him to a surgeon, had that nose repaired, stuffed with paraffin, looked better, married the beautiful Estelle Taylor.

Mr. Charles Paddock, fleet-footed modern Mercury of the world's cinder paths, is attractively designed by nature. He is good to look at. Unlike Mr. Dempsey his journey's left their ugly mark upon the map. But Mr. Paddock was influenced by Hollywood just the same.

After considerable hobnobbing with the Klieg colony he appeared one day on a track with baby-blue striped running pants. Glim old athletes moaned, hid their faces. Time passed. Mr. Paddock continued to run in his nifty Hollywood pants.

In Boston met the bigwigs of the A. A. U. The charge had been made that Mr. Paddock had turned professional. It was being discussed. Spoke up a Bostonian member of the big party: "Any man who wears baby blue striped running pants is not fit to represent the United States in the Olympic games at Amsterdam."

That's Boston for you. Publicity over the Paddock case swept the country. He had entered the movies, been the hero of a film, therefore was a professional runner.

But the newspapermen couldn't forget that remark about the blue pants, coming from the lips of a Back Bay sticlder for tradition.

Finally the board passed a motion declaring Mr. Paddock an amateur striped pants and all.

The case is recited merely to bring home the point that athletes who come to Hollywood as amateurs had best watch their neckties and their underwear. They may be judged as professional athletes by the A. A. U. Mr. Wykoff, Glendale grayhound, has decided, it is said, to run in burlap and use a red bandana handkerchief to wipe his glowing brow.

Capt. Alfred Lowenstein of Belgium is reputed to be the third highest flier on earth. He was riding in his plane from London to Brussels. When the plane reached its destination he was not aboard. He was reported to have fallen out over the channel, drowned. He was in debt. Financial problems weighed. Doubt as to his death was expressed. Latest news is that a fisherman saw a parachute drop out of a speeding plane with a man under it. Europe is mystified.

The movement against Al Smith took root among Democrats. Mrs. Clem Shaver, wife of the chairman of the Democratic National committee issued a statement berating Smith as a tool of Tammany, pledging herself for Hoover. The movement is spreading, not without assistance from adroit Republican leaders.

Three hundred men, women and children lost their lives when the Chilean army transport, bound from Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan, most southerly city in the world, was shattered on the rocks of the south Chilean coast. For hours the ship, loaded with coal and passengers, battled against a terrific Pacific storm, rudder lost, was driven on the shoals and broken up. Some boats were lowered. There were not enough boats. Human beings were cast into the lashing waters, struggled, died. Witnessing the terrible scene, realizing that the ship could not be saved, the captain, standing on the bridge, placed a pistol to his brow, pulled the trigger, fell dead.

These are days of broken records on land and sea and in the air. Latest aviation endurance record was made in Germany when Birdman Ritter and Zimmermann taxied their Junker plane after having been aloft for 65 hours 28 minutes. The previous record was held by Italian Capt. Ferrarin and Maj. Del Prete. It was 58 hours 34 minutes.

The Republicans will avoid discussion of prohibition and religion in the 1928 campaign. National Chairman Work counseled the national committee to eschew the wet and dry issue and to steer away from religious discussion.

Forty-four hundred and seven-teen miles is a long distance—even for the space defying aeroplane. Yet Capt. Ferrarin and Maj. Del Prete, Italian ace, taking off from Rome flew in one continuous journey over the Mediterranean and Atlantic, through fog storm, day and night to the Brazilian shore. In the matter of distance it was the longest continuous air flight ever made. In the matter of victory over natural hazards which lurk above the bosom of the sea it was the most remarkable journey through the ozone ever accomplished.

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Guaranteed paint, \$2.65 gallon. Consolidated Lumber Co., Torrance.

Petition, Hint of Withdrawal, Price Cut News Spread

Union Metal Men Circulate Document Among People While King Threatens to Withdraw If New Prices Are Asked

IRON FOUNDRY IN L. A. PREDICTS NEW SAVING

Two Councilmen and Engineer on Vacation; "Home Products" Drive On; Footage Comparisons Show Minor Variances in Estimates

Five new developments in the process of securing a lighting system for Torrance were recorded this week in the aftermath of the whirlwind meeting of the City Council on July 3. They were:

1—Circulation of a petition among the people by agents of the Union Metal Company, makers of steel posts, against which the lighting committee, the council and the city engineer went on record unanimously.

2—Declaration to the City Engineer by a representative of the Western Lighting Company, distributors of King posts, that if new pre-estimates are to be received by a new committee the company will demand that its bond guaranteeing its estimate be returned.

3—The start of an active campaign for installation in Torrance of Southern-California made posts.

4—Distribution of information that a promise was made on Tuesday, July 3, prior to the council meeting, that if the matter were delayed about two weeks the city of Torrance would save some money, this promise having come to at least two councilmen from the president of a large iron foundry in Los Angeles.

5—The departure on their vacations of two councilmen—Charles Inman and Charles Raymond. Mr. Inman will return in about a month, Mr. Raymond in September.

With three companies still considered active in an effort to have their product specified and installed here, the estimates of each as they now stand on the records are as follows:

Union Metal company, steel posts, total estimate \$105,964.20.
Western Lighting Company, cast iron posts, total estimate \$111,571.
Westinghouse, cast iron posts, total estimate: \$114,185.40. (This guaranteed estimate was read to the council at the meeting of July 3 and is therefore officially before the city, although the previous estimate of the company was higher.)

Foot Prices Given.
A comparison of the front foot costs based on the above estimates reveals the following facts: Union Metal foot price for residence district is the highest, Westinghouse the lowest; Westinghouse foot price for semi-business district is the highest and Union Metal lowest; Westinghouse is highest and King is lowest; Union Metal foot price for combination trolley-light post district on Cabrillo avenue is lowest and Westinghouse highest.

The three estimates as recorded by City Engineer Leonard include all engineering costs, lighting units which are comparable and refractors in the residence, semi-business and business districts with no refractors in the combination district.

Here is Table
Following is a table of the front foot costs in the four districts, based on the pre-estimates of the three companies.

	Residence	Semi-Business	Business	Combination
Union Metal	\$0.97	\$1.12	\$2.27 plus	\$4.94
King	0.96	1.14	2.25	6.58
Westinghouse	0.95 plus	1.18	2.42 plus	6.69 plus

The difference in the three estimates for the residence district would mean practically nothing to the individual lot owner. The variation is only about one cent a foot, or 50 cents for a 50 foot lot, which if spread over ten years would be five cents a year.
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Observations

Professional Circulators of Petitions—Read 'Em and You Won't Weep—The Ward Healers Are Busy Again—R. F. McClellan and Buron Fitts

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PROFESSIONAL circulators of petitions are strange animals mothered by these two offsprings of Democracy—the referendum and the recall. This pair of reforms has provided many persons with means of livelihood. They interest me, these folks who knock doors from house to house and get paid so much per signature.

One rapped at my portal the other morning. She was a middle-aged woman, well-garbed, with a crown of silver hair—quite disarming.

"She was almost brisk in her businesslike approach. 'I have a petition,' she said, 'against cruelty to animals in rodeos. I would like to have you sign it.'

"But I don't know anything about it," I replied. "What's the plot?"

"All decent citizens are opposed to cruelty to animals," she said, "and I am sure you wish to sign. Just write your name on this line."

"But I never sign anything which I do not read thoroughly," I said. "Come inside and I will read your petition."

"Oh no," she ejaculated, "I haven't time for that."
And she sped away.

SHE didn't have time to let any citizen read a petition for an initiative measure to go on the ballot and be voted upon and, if passed, become a law. And yet she had a long row of signatures on her papers, all inscribed, it is presumed, by persons who did not read what they were signing.

The incident inspired somewhat of a disrespect for the initiative.

Of course we are all opposed to cruelty to animals. But we shouldn't sign a long paper without reading it, because a stranger says we should.

Like all other reforms the power of initiative is being badly abused when circulators of petitions haven't time to let people read their documents. Such practice is democracy gone haywire.

IT brings to mind the petition circulated in an American university. This petition was circulated by persons who said it was for the purpose of effecting several reforms in the matter of student self-government.

Thousands signed it. Afterward they discovered to their embarrassment that they had signed an agreement asking that they be put to death without delay.

EVERY American who knows anything about history should recognize the right of popular petition. Our forefathers bled for that principle. The right to express popular opinion through the medium of a signed document is one of the foundation stones of republican government.

Citizens who sign a petition without adequate investigation abrogate the significance of their right. Citizens who sign on the say-so of interested petition circulators without thorough study of the document they are signing should not expect the petition to carry much weight.

OLD familiar faces bob up once more. Gentlemen who have not visited these parts for two years slide into the office, sit down, make an artful approach and finally make known their mission. They are the "workers" for candidates for state and county office. They are paid for their activities. For several months every year they reap a financial reward by soft-shoeing about their district soliciting support for the candidates of their desire—perhaps we should say the candidates who bid the highest for their services.

I don't like them. They lie—at least some of them do. I know that one of them does. He lies baldly, brazenly. If I were running for office I should pay him to be for my opponent.

He told me he was for Candidate A for the Assembly. Then he said he was opposed to Candidate X for supervisor in these parts. I said, "If you oppose Candidate A for the Assembly, you will hurt the chances of Candidate X for supervisor."

"Oh I am not really opposed to Candidate X," he quickly retorted. "All I am doing is to promote the chances of Candidate A. That's the important thing."

He left. Half an hour later a friend told me that this worker came to him with literature opposing Candidate X.

That may be politics, but I don't think so. If it is one can quickly understand why so many voters stay away from the polls.

SUPERVISOR McCLELLAN is running for re-election. When he last stood for office this newspaper opposed him. We did so because we felt that this part of the county had not received sufficient attention from the supervisors. Since the last election, however, the board has turned its eyes toward the harbor. The utmost consideration for the needs of this territory has marked the activity of the supervisors since the last election—largely because of the experience and judgment of Mr. McClellan. Because of this fact we would regard it as unmitigated ingratitude if the people of this district did not support the chairman of the board of supervisors this year.

ANOTHER man in public life, once more a candidate for office, deserves the support of citizens who take their ballot seriously. He is the lieutenant-governor of the State of California. He is Buron Fitts. He is candidate for the office of district attorney of Los Angeles county.

Buron Fitts needs no champions. His stalwart honesty, courage and his record in public office speak eloquently for themselves.

The office of district attorney needs a man of the character of Fitts. The manner in which the office has been conducted during the past few years has been a disgrace to the people of the county.

Fitts' hobby is the prevention of crime, the stern handling of criminals. With this fine veteran of the war as district attorney decency will be enthroned again.

FIRE HITS LOMITA PLANT

\$5,000 Blaze Destroys Part of D. & M. Machine Works

FLAME ORIGIN UNKNOWN

Manufacturing Unit Saved From Total Loss by Firemen's Work

Fire of unknown origin broke out at 4:45 a. m., July 6, at the D. and M. Machine Shops on Chapman street in Lomita, and did damage to the extent of about \$5,000.

J. W. McQuaid, one of the owners, stated that it is his opinion that the fire began outside of the building where there is a quantity of ground rubber scrap.

The damage would have been greater had not E. J. Glasgow, company engineer and L. A. Davis started up the pumps to secure water pressure until the fire department arrived.

Frank Dalton, Mr. McQuaid's business partner, had left Lomita for Canada on the Saturday previous to the fire. He was notified immediately. The fire completely destroyed the stock room and offices and though the machine company was handicapped somewhat, Mr. McQuaid expected to resume production the following day.

Mr. McQuaid also stated that he wished to commend the boys of the fire department on their valiant efforts and success in checking the blaze before it reached the surrounding buildings.

The local fire department is under the direction of Carl Schulz of Los Angeles, who is acting-captain during the absence of Captain Frank Laski.

The D. & M. Machine Works manufactures oil well specialties, featuring a rubber piston for pumping. Frank Dalton, former expert mechanic of the Union Tool Company is well known in both Torrance and Lomita.

Rev. Green Will Leave Torrance

Baptist Pastor to Take Pulpit in Los Angeles

Rev. J. Whitfield Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Torrance is leaving Tuesday, July 17, to take up the pastorate of the Trinity Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

Reverend Green will preach his last sermon in Torrance Sunday. Beginning in the Y. M. C. A. at the age of 22 while a student at Saginaw, Michigan, he later moved to Beloit, Michigan where he was actively engaged in Y. work. Here his health failed, and he removed to Potosky, Michigan, where he became active in religious work, both in the church and young people's department.

Moving to Detroit, he entered into personal religious work in the Woodward Avenue Baptist church. During the world war, he gave up a 6 years' pastorate to serve in the Y.M.C.A. overseas.

Five years ago he came from Detroit to take over the leadership of the First Baptist church at Torrance. During his successful pastorate here he has added 136 members to the church, and 260 to the Sunday school enrollment.

At the Northern Baptist Convention held in Detroit this year, the Torrance church was on the honor roll, which in itself was evidence of his able leadership.

Reverend Green is a poet of some note. His poems may be found in many of the large libraries of the east, one of the most prominent being the University of Michigan.

June 27 he received a unanimous call to the Trinity Baptist church in Los Angeles, which he has accepted.

Mrs. Hazel Gifford of 253rd street attend the funeral of a sister in Pasadena Friday.

Rotary Enjoys Outing

Weekend at Johnston Ranch Voted Best Party Ever

Fifty Rotarians and Rotary Anns were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnston at the Johnston ranch near Escondido Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, who formerly lived in Torrance, gave the guests an old-fashioned welcome which was enhanced by the beauty of the Johnston property.

Saturday evening a barbecued dinner was served under trees amid Japanese lanterns. Assisted by Jack Barnes, of Torrance, Mr. Johnston had barbecued a calf and a porker. At the dinner George P. Shidler was installed as president of the Torrance club and Wallace Post retired from that office.

After the feast the guests gathered about a large campfire and enjoyed an informal sing.

That night the men camped out under a huge oak tree in front of the ranch house. Early Sunday morning the whole party awakened to the pungent odor of bacon on the grill and arose to enjoy a bounteous breakfast served under the trees near the L-shaped ranch house.

Sunday morning the guests engaged in a trap shoot and other games.

The outing was voted by all as the 'most enjoyable Torrance Rotary ever experienced.'

Change Seventy Phone Numbers

First National Publishing Amended Torrance Directory to Aid Public

Seventy telephone numbers in Torrance were changed when the company moved into its new exchange building last Saturday. The switch was made to the new building in record time. Service was interrupted for a period of less than two minutes.

To assist the public the First National Bank has published a completely revised telephone directory of Torrance. This directory not only includes the new numbers but also the numbers of telephones which have been installed since the old official directory was published. Telephone users may obtain a copy of the directory by calling at the First National Bank. No charge is being made by the bank, which published the directory merely as an aid to telephone users.

Among the important new telephone numbers are the following: City Hall—455. Police Dept.—599. Chief Calder—553. Torrance Herald—444.

The Fire Department number remains 28.

The inconvenience which has arisen as a result of the changed numbers will be alleviated when the directory put out by the First National is distributed this week. Meantime the telephone company is utilizing a double force in order to serve the public.

Dog Tag Taxes Are Due Again

Chief of Police Calder brings up the cheering news to the owners of canine pets that it is time to pay dog license again. The force at the department will be happy to receive all remittances and issue credentials. Owners must have a tag or stay in his own back yard.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Torrance Relief Association will have a rummage sale at their headquarters, 1893 Cabrillo avenue, on the first Friday and Saturday in August. New and second hand articles will be offered for sale.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Torrance Herald—444.
Automatic Printing Co.—462.

TO START JUDGING EARLY

Entries Urged to Have Exhibits Ready Tomorrow Morning

GARDEN CLUB PLANNED

Flower Event Will Give Impetus to Campaign for Beauty

The First Annual Flower Show of Torrance will open tomorrow afternoon. It will last until Saturday night. It is being sponsored by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion without hope of profit but merely to set in motion a permanent attempt to make Torrance more beautiful.

Fred C. McNabb, famous broadcaster of garden talks from KJL will be here Friday afternoon. Mr. McNabb was the first man to broadcast talks of this kind and is now nearing the close of his fifth year with an unbroken record of garden talks every week. One of the most popular features of his talks is his answer to questions. In this work he has had to accumulate a great fund of knowledge of the many subjects dear to the heart of the garden lover. Mr. McNabb will be glad to meet with any as possible of his radio friends and answer their questions on the spot.

Many suggestions have been received by the Flower Show Committee that a garden club should be organized in Torrance to include all the surrounding territory, Torrance being the center. In response to these suggestions it has been decided to organize the Torrance District Garden Club, taking in members from Lomita, Keystone, Gardena and Moneta as well as Torrance. Membership fee will be \$1.00 a year and will entitle holder to attendance at all monthly meetings of the club, occasional field days, admission to the annual shows of the club, and, by the additional payment of 50 cents, to a three year subscription to West-Home Gardens, the official publication of the club. The assistance of many specialists in all lines of horticulture has been promised the committee to make our new club a success. All persons wishing to join this club should not fail to make application during the Flower Show when a representative will be on hand at all times to explain its many possibilities for improvement of Torrance and to take your application.

The Show room in the Chamber of Commerce building the old Bank of Italy location, will be open to those wishing to work on their display Thursday evening from 5 to 11 and from 6 a. m. Friday till entries close at 10 a. m. to allow the judging to commence. To insure the best placing of your entries they should be brought to the show room as early as possible Friday morning.

Torrance Bowler Wins First Place

At the tournament of the Southern California Bowling Association held in Los Angeles last week, Ed Singer of Torrance won first place with the highest score. He was awarded a gold medal and other awards. Joe Bender and Ed Singer scored high singles.

Out of the 108 competing teams, the winners of 108 city leagues, the Torrance Merchants took 25th place.

MAKES FAST TRIP

Howard Smith returned Thursday morning from a three week trip to Nebraska and the middle west. He made the trip from Lincoln, Neb., to Torrance in four and a half days. He reports business conditions and labor conditions much work in the middle west than in Southern California.

Mrs. F. L. Parks and son Jimmy are leaving Sunday for a month or six weeks in Fort Worth, Texas and points in Oklahoma and Kansas.